

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to update the cross-reference heading and paragraph. As such, this amendment does not introduce new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended paragraphs 82 and 101 to indicate appropriate sequence identifiers. These amendments are clerical in nature and are made so as to agree with the sequence listing submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(d). As such, this amendment does not introduce new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claims 3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 30 and 32 to remove multiple dependencies and place claims in proper form. As such, these amendments do not introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants have canceled claims 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18-29 and 33. Applicants have added new claim 38. Support for new claim 38 can be found throughout the specification and in original claim 18.

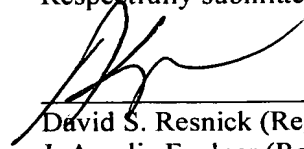
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Fee deficiencies may be charged and overpayments credited to the NIXON PEABODY LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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